

NSC BRIEFING

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TRAWLER INCIDENT

I. USS Polaris Missile Submarine George Washington (SSBN 598) conducted test firings dummy missiles 26 April about 120 miles off New Jersey coast.

A. US submarine rescue vessel, a fleet tug and one blimp accompanied submarine for spotting and recovery operations.

B. Soviet fishing trawler Vega, equipped with antennae, cameras and towing underwater object astern, approached US units.

C. George Washington launched four test vehicles while trawler in the vicinity. Pilot of blimp reported that trawler attempted recovery of one vehicle but was unsuccessful.

D. Fleet tug successfully maneuvered to force trawler to withdraw from area.

II. Trawler believed remaining in vicinity. Last reported about 30 miles off coast.

III. Aggressiveness of trawler's operations shows uncommon anxiety collect information on US Polaris program.

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